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PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**A METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ADJUSTING THE SELECTING OUT OF WINNOWINGS**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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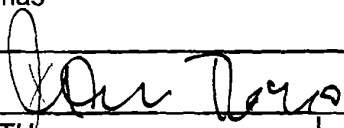
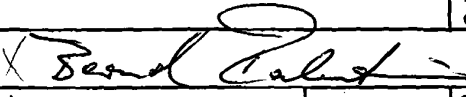
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